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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Hafen, Ernst  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/868,748  
FILING DATE: December 16, 1999  
FOR: FUNCTION-BASED SMALL MOLECULAR WEIGHT COMPOUND  
SCREENING SYSTEM IN DROSOPHILA MELANOGASTER

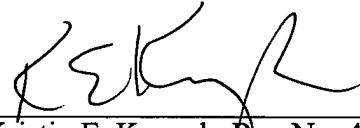
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to respond to the August 1, 2001 Notification of Missing Requirements in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 1, 2002. A check in the amount of \$720.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

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